MINUTES

ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OF THE

FORTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

Cahaba Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

SILOAM BAPTIST CHURCH,

PERRY COUNTY, ALA.,

From the 18th to the 20th October,

1862.

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MINUTES.

MARION, October 18th, 1862.

Introductory sermon by Rev. S R. Freeman. Letters read and names of delegates enrolled as follows, viz:

CHURCHES.

Pisgah—W. A. Melton, J M. Ford, G. W. Cosby, W. S. Miree.

Pilgrim's Rest—H. P. Griffin, C. Logan, D. Gentry, A. Ford.

Mt. Edon—J. Kinerd, W. B. Cureton.

Ocmulgee—O. H. Perry, A. W. Hauley.

Fellowship—J. B. Pool, W. Griffin, S. C. Trammell, E. E. Trammell.

Concord—J. M. Massey, B. F. Boling.

Mt. Zion—R. Keith, J. W. Suttle.

Selma—A. T. Spalding.

Medline—J. Harris, J Gay.

Hepsaba—J. W. McCullough, W. S. Hanna, J. Goocher, F. M. Ford.

Sardis—C. Tubb, S. Caudle, T. Lockerby.

Bethsaida—J. B. Pool, H. T. Stringfellow.

Union—C. J. Crews, D. Legrone.

Mt. Pleasant, Perry Connty—J. S. Ford, M. Phillips, C. Heard.

Antioch—J. Frazier.

Providence—J. W. Crenshaw, T. Turnbow, J. F. Howell.

Siloam—R. Holman, W. H. McIntosh, M. T. Sumner, T. W. Tobey, E. A. Blunt, A. B. Goodhue, W. N. Wyatt, W. B. Lawson, L. A. Wyatt, S. H. Fowlkes, J. B. Lovelace, N. K. Davis, J. H. Lide, Elam Parish, S. S. Latimer.

Pine Flat—C. Crocker, W. McCullough.

Hopewell—S. R. Freeman, D. S. Hogue, J. Evins.

Shiloh—I. Thomas.

Newhope—S. Lawson, J. M. Lawless.

Mt. Pleasant, Tuskaloosa County—B. Spence.

Friendship—J. J. Stewart.

Uniontown—E. B. Woodfin.

Mt. Hebron—Not represented.

African Baptist Church, Mobile—Not represented.

Newbern—Not represented.

Cahaba—Not represented.

Mt. Gilead—Not represented.

Salem—Not represented.

Liberty—Not Represented.

Bethel—Not represented.

Organized by the election of the following officers, viz: Rev. R. Holman, Moderator, and W. S. Miree, Clerk.

The Moderator announced the following Committees, viz: On Religious Services, Pastor and Deacons of Siloam Church, J. Kinerd, J. W. Crenshaw; on Education, T. W. Tobey, A. T. Spalding, C. J. Crews; on Indian Missions, S. R. Freeman, H. P. Griffin, C. Tubb; on Domestic Missions, C. E. Brame, M. T. Sumner.

Benediction by R. Holman. Adjourned.

3 P. M.

Prayer by Rev. R. Keith.

Opened the door for the admission of Churches.

Received messengers from sister Associations as follows, viz:

Alabama Association—D. R. Lide.

Bigbee Association—W. M. High.

Returned correspondence as follows, viz:

Alabama Association—A. T. Spalding, O. H. Perry.

Mulberry Association—R. Keith, J. W. Suttle, A. T. Spalding.

Tuskaloosa Association—R. Keith, S. R. Freeman.

Pine Barren Association—M. T. Sumner.

Unity Association—I. Thomas.

Shelby Association—R. Keith.

Bigbee Association—M. T. Sumner.

Appointed delegates to the Alabama Baptist State Convention—W. B. Lawson, I. Thomas, J. B. Pool, O. H. Perry, A. W. Hawley, A. Ford, B. F. Boling, J. W. McCullough, S. C. Trammell, J. W. Suttle.

Invited ministers and laymen present to seats.

The Moderator announced the following Committees, viz: On Temperance, J. W. Morton, J. S. Ford, R. Keith; on Foreign Missions, W. H. McIntosh, W. A. Melton, B. F. Boling; on Sabbath Schools, W. A. Bishop, A. T. Spalding, J. W. McCullough; on Religious Instruction to the Colored People, L. C. Tutt, T. Turn-

bow, H. T. Stringfellow; on Southern Baptist Publication Society, M. T. Sumner, F. M. Ford, J. M. Massey; on Finance, J. W. Suttle, D S. Hogue, I. Thomas; on Letters and Documents, J. B. Pool, J. M. Lawless, J. Gay; on Nominations, W. N. Wyatt, J. M. Waters, J. Lockerby; Auditing Committee, W. B. Lawson, T. Turnbow, W. S. Hanna.

Appointed Delegates to the East Alabama Convention—T. W. Tobey, M. T. Sumner, W. N. Wyatt.

Report on Domestic Missions read and laid on the table.

Report on Indian Missions read and laid on the table.

Report on Education read and recommitted, with instructions to append a suitable notice of the death of Gen. E. D. King as one of the principal founders of the Judson Female Institute and Howard College.

Resolved, That during the session of this body a half hour each day, beginning at 10 o'clock A. M. be devoted to special prayer to Almighty God for his blessing upon our country, and for the revival of religion throughout the land, and that this body will hold a special meeting to-morrow at 3 o'clock for the foregoing objects.

Report on Southern Baptist Publication Society adopted. Appendix A.

Resolved, That the Committee on Religious Services be allowed the use of the reports on Domestic and Indian Missions at a meeting to be held in behalf of Missions on the Sabbath.

Adjourned till Monday, 9 A. M.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

Sermon by the Rev. A. T. Spalding.

SUNDAY, 11 A. M.

Sermon by the Rev. A. T. Spalding, followed by addresses by the Rev. S. R. Freeman and the Rev. M. T. Sumner on Domestic and Indian Missions.

Amount raised in cash and subscriptions for Indian and Army Missions, $1946.40.

3 P. M.

Meeting for special prayer in behalf of the country, &c., conducted by Rev. J. S. Ford, assisted by Rev. J. L. Lattimore and Rev. Robt. Keith.

Preaching to the negroes in Presbyterian Church, Rev. H. P. Griffin, assisted by Rev. J. W. McCullough.

SUNDAY NIGHT.

Sermon by the Rev. S. R. Freeman.

MONDAY, 9 A. M.

Prayer by Rev. J. W. McCullough.

Minutes read and approved.

At 10 o'clock devoted half an hour to prayer in behalf of the country and for a revival of religion.

Roll called and absentees marked.

Rev. J. L. Lattimore from the Bethlehem Association, Miss., and Rev. Mr. Nigles invited to seats.

Reports on Domestic and Indian Missions taken from the table and adopted. Appendix B and C.

Appointed Executive Committee—W. A. Melton, W. S. Miree, J. Kinerd, B. F. Boling and I. Thomas.

Treasurer's report referred to Auditing Committee.

Report on Education adopted. Appendix D.

Report on the Religious Instruction of the Colored People adopted. Appendix E.

Report on Sunday Schools adopted. Appendix F.

Adjourned.

Prayer by the Rev. W. H. McIntosh.

3 P. M.

Prayer by the Rev. I. Thomas.

Report of Committee on Nominations adopted, viz: Rev. W. H. McIntosh to preach the introductory sermon, J. B. Pool, Alternate, L. C. Tutt, Treasurer.

Report of Executive Committee adopted, viz: J. W. McCullough to be the Missionary of the Association on the east side of the Cahaba River.

Report of Committee on Letters and Documents adopted. Appendix G.

Report of Committee on Correspondence adopted. Appendix H.

Resolved, That when this Association adjourns it will adjourn to meet with the Pisgah Church on Saturday before the third Sabbath in October next.

The Moderator announced the Chairmen of Standing Committees to report next Session. On Education, A. T. Spalding; on Foreign Missions, R. Keith; on Domestic Missions, J. S. Ford; on Indian Missions, F. M. Ford; on Temperance, L. L. Fox; on Sabbath Schools, T. W. Tobey; on Religious Instruction to the Colored People, B. F. Boling; committee on Widows' and Orphans' Fund, C. J. Crews, R. Y. Wood, E. E. Trammell.

Resolved, That $1200 of the amount raised for Missions on yes-

terday be appropriated to army Missions and the balance to Indian Missions.

Report on Temperance adopted. Appendix I.

Suspended business to take up a collection to purchase Testaments for distribution among the soldiers. Raised $100.

Appropriated for printing Minutes.....$50 50.

Appropriated for the services of the Clerk.....26 50.

Resolved, That A. B. Goodhue be requested to take charge of the manuscripts of the Clerk and attend to the printing of Minutes.

Report of Treasurer adopted. Appendix J.

Resolved, That the funds raised at the Association be reported to the Convention as a basis of representation.

Report of Committee on Widows' and Orphans' Fund adopted. Appendix K.

Report of Committee on Finance adopted. Appendix L.

Report of Auditory Committee adopted.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions adopted. Appendix M.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association be tendered to our Presbyterian and Methodist Brethren for the offer of the use of their houses of worship.

Adjourned to meet with the Pisgah church on Saturday before the third Sabbath in October next.

Prayer by the Rev. R. Holman.

R. HOLMAN, *Moderator*.

W. S. MIREE, *Clerk*.

[*A*] REPORT ON SOUTHERN BAPTIST PUB. SOCIETY.

This Society has practically suspended its operations in consequence of the condition of our country. What will be its future course your Committee are not informed.

Respectfully submitted—

[*B*] REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

This Mission is under the supervision of the Domestic Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. It occupies the States and Territories of the Southern Confederacy. During the existence of this Board the work has been vigorously prosecuted. Eleven hundred and sixty four Commissions to Missionaries have been issued to the 1st of April last. 14,641 persons have been baptized; 6,761 persons have professed hope in Christ, but not baptized by the Missionaries: 1,036,127 miles have been traveled in performance of Missionary labor; 118,716 Sermons and Addresses delivered; 107,837 Religious visits to families and individuals; 3689 Churches and Stations supplied; 212 Churches constituted; 131 Meeting Houses built; 24,424 Prayer Meetings attended. This is but a part of the labor performed; much has been done that cannot be incorporated in a report of this character. Sabbath Schools have been organized, Ministers have been ordained Tracts and Testaments have been distributed, the influence of which cannot be known in this world.

During the existence of the war, the attention of the Board has been directed to the wants of our Army, and it is now fully at wo k in supplying Missionaries who are engaged in preaching to our Soldiers and distributing Tracts and Testaments among them. The labor of these missionaries has been cordially received by both officers and privates; and we have reason to believe that God's blessing has been upon them. Ten Missionaries are under appointment of the Board in Marion, and others will be soon at work. We regard this as *the* work of the Churches at present, and recommend to our brethren to contribute liberally to sustain the Board in their valuable labors. Let not the soldier, who so freely offers his life upon the altar of his country for the defence of our highest interests, be forgotten. He merits our earnest regards, and claims an interest in our prayers and our sympathies. In our private and public prayers let us ever bear him to the throne of grace. "Freely ye have received and freely give." "In as much as ye do it to one of the least of these my brethren, ye do it unto me."

Respectfully submitted,

M. T. SUMNER, Chm'n.

CAHABA MISSION.

This Mission, supported by Bro. Wm. A. Melton, has been prosecuted during the past year. Elder J. W. McCullough has been employed by the Domestic Board to occupy this field. According to his Report he has supplied 1 Church, and 5 other Stations; Preached 21 Sermo s; baptized 2 white persons, and 25 persons have professed conversion in connection with his labors, who were not baptized by him. He has traveled in the performance of his labors 296 miles. Respectfully submitted,

M. T. SUMNER, Chm'n.

[C] REPORT ON INDIAN MISSIONS.

Your Committee, with all the friends of Indian Missions, have been made to mourn recently over the sad condition of our Missionaries, and the hindrances to the noble cause in which they are engaged.

There was a time when the Lord of missions smiled most propitiously on the labors of our missionaries, who, with apostolic devotion, were toiling to redeem the Indian from his savage state, and bring him by the power of the Gospel into the fold of Christ. Often have our hearts been cheered by hearing the wonderful success of the word of life among them. The efforts of our Churches, our Board, and our Missionaries to send the Gospel to the Indiands, have been repaid in a harvest of souls more than a hundred fold. By a faithful effort within a few years past thousands of these once hopeless savages, have been brought to a saving knowledge of the truth. Some of them are gone to their eternal rest, and others are now proving their fidelity to the Gospel under the severest trials of poverty, persecution, fire and sword. Those who have been co-workers with the Lord in the salvation of the "Redman," have much to cheer them in the remembrance of the past, and can say with thankfulness, through the blessing of the Gospel, a remnant has been saved.

From the last Annual Report, closing with April 1st, 1862, we have these facts: "Twenty-seven Missionaries and six Interpreters have been in the service of the Board during the year; number of weeks in service, 780; Churches supplied, 46; Stations, 87; Sermons preached, 1,374; Addresses delivered, 753; Prayer meetings attended, 367; Baptism of Indians, 127. Total Indians in fellowship, about 3,000; Colored, 125." These, with many other such facts, show that the blessing of tqe Lord has crowned with success the labors of the past. But now a dark cloud overcasts the pros-

pect. The war has caused immense suffering and distress among them. Nearly all the male population, including the preachers, have joined the army. Brethren Buckner, Slover, Burns and others have been doing what they could to supply the soldiers in camp with books and preaching.

Recent letters from those brethren give most heart rending accounts of their losses and trials. They and their families have been driven from their homes with nothing but a suit of clothing, leaving all they possessed to be stolen or destroped by the Federals and unfriendly Indians. They are now dependant on those who will to keep them from the greatest suffering and most absolute want. This is with them a day of trial. Now is the time when more than ever before they need the effective sympathy, the earnest prayers, and liberal contributions of their brethren at home. We should not be discouraged on account of the darkness of the present, for it may all be bright to Him who bringeth light out of darkness. But we should do our duty trusting in God who maketh all things work together for good to those who love him. They need help from the Churches; and if a knowledge of their condition is not an effectual call for aid, we presume no such call can be made.

We have one Missionary who is laboring with great success among the Cherokees, in North Carolina. Those Cherokees have also sent one regiment to our army. We have a membership among them of 250, and some native preachers. Respectfully submitted,

S. R. FREEMAN, Chm'n.

[D] REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The subject of Education has not received from the people of our land all that attention which its importance justly demands. Yet it is pleasing to know, that an interest in this subject is awakening; and it is to be hoped that at some future period, ample justice to it will be done.

Within the bounds of this Association, there are two Institutions of learning in whose prosperity many of the members of our churches have manifested a deep interest, viz: Howard College and the Judson Female Institute.

The principal object had in view in the creation and endowment of Howard College, was the education of young men for the ministry. For this special object more than forty thousand dollars have been subscribed, by the Baptists of Alabama. For the endowment of a Theological Professorship, which has been named from the munificent donor, Twenty-five Thousand dollars have been paid. It was the intention of the Brother who laid this offering on the altar of the Lord, that a Theological Professor should yearly be sustained from the proceeds of the fund, and ever be ready to impart instruction to such young men as, with the ministry in view, might resort to the halls of Howard College. But the horrid war which is now raging, has frustrated the plans of the benevolent and rendered their sacrifices of little avail. The Theological Department has been suspended, since the young men of our land are not at liberty to devote their time to the acquisition of knowledge. Their country has called them to its defence, in this its hour of trial, and they have promptly responded to its appeal. So long as the war continues we cannot expect to carry out the benevolent design of educating young men for the ministry.

The Literary Department of the College, is in operation, under the care of Profs. Goodhue and Sherman. Forty pupils, lads and young men not subject to conscription, are in attendance.

The Judson Female Institute, has been in existence Twenty-Four years, and during all that time has been attended by a degree of prosperity un-

surpassed by that of any other institution of learning in our country. Although the past year was one of great diistress, One Hundred and Seventy young ladies enrolled their names upon its register. No interruption of the exercises of the Institute occurred during the entire session.

Prospects seemed to justify the esteemed Principal, brother N. K. Davis, in employing a full corps of teachers for the present year. Already more than One Hundred and Sixty pupils are in attendance, and several have made application for admission who have not yet arrived. Arrangements have been made for thorough and efficient instruction in every department. A Parisian gentleman, Monsieur Marchais, will impart instruction in his native language, and will also take under his charge the Department of Painting and Drawing. Prof. Marchais, has, for the last twenty years, been engaged in teaching French in this country. His recommendations are of the highest character.

Prof. Baumann, whose reputation as a teacher of Music has been well sustained since his connection with the Judson, will be aided by Rev. W. Nigels, of S. C., recently a student of the Greenville Baptist Theological Seminary, and by several ladies well skilled in the use of the piano, and in the art of imparting instruction.

Rev. T. W. Tobey will control the Department of the Ancient Languages and Belles Lettres.

The Primary Department has been placed in the care of a lady whose former success as an instructor, justifies the expectation that it will be surpassed by that of no other institution in the land.

Every effort will be made to maintain the reputation so deservedly bestowed upon the Judson in former years. It is to be hoped that parents will avail themselves of these privileges, and notwithstanding the distressing condition of our country, will not withhold from their daughters the opportunity of acquiring that most valuable attainment, a good education.

The Committee are reminded of the fact that it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst, by death, brother E. D. King, to whom the appellation of "the Father of the Howard and the Judson" might appropriately be given. Among the founders of the Judson none gave more liberally and manifested a greater anxiety for its prosperity than he. Nor was he less mindful of the interests of Howard College.

These two Institutions to-day stand as monuments of the liberality of brother King and others of a like disposition with himself. It is not well to let the names of such men be forgotten. They have made their mark upon the generation in which in which they lived, and have furnished examples worthy of imitation. In their death the public feels a loss. Being dead they yet speak, and urge us to follow in their footsteps. As long as Howard College and the Judson Female Institute exist, so long will the name of brother E. D. King be a loved and honored one. We mourn his loss, but we remember the testimony he gave of his ardent love for a crucified Redeemer, and his reliance alone upon him for salvation, and we are comforted. May a kind Providence raise up among our churches many who shall imitate his example in appropriating to the various causes of Christian benevolence a generous portion of the wealth with which God has blessed them. Of such we may say:

"We give in charge their names to the sweet lyre. The historic muse
Proud of her treasure, marches with it down
To latest time: and sculpture in her turn
Gives bond in stone and ever during brass
To guard them and immortalize her trust."

THOMAS W. TOBEY, Ch'mn.

(E] REPORT ON RERIGIOUS INSTRUCTION OF COLORED PEOPLE.

The Committee, to whom was assigned the duty of preparing a report on Religious Instruction to the Colored People, feel that they cannot present the subject in a more instructive manner than has heretofore been done by committees of your body. The duty devolving on Southern Christians and Southern owners, to provide suitable religious instruction for their servants, has long been admitted; and it has been a constant source of regret that owing to peculiar circumstances and improper interference with Southern Institutions, many hindrances and obstacles have been found in the way of fully providing for their spiritual wants and instructing them in the great truths of the Gospel.

What more might have been done—what means and measures have been left untried and undevised, your Committee will not now stop to enquire or discuss. Neither do they feel called upon to propose or advise at the present time any particular plan or system for providing for their suitable religious instruction. They believe the matter of most vital importance now (and from which proper measures will follow) is to impress as has heretofore been done upon the minds and hearts of the members of this Association and of Southern Christians the great fact that these comparatively benighted people are immortal beings—that they have souls to be saved or lost—that the blessed Saviour died for them—that they are eminently teachable and susceptible to religious impressions—that many of them have embraced the Gospel and honored it in their lives and conduct—and that God having placed them in our midst, under our government and in our households, has made it our duty not only to provide for their physical wants but requires us to furnish them with the "bread of eternal life."

We believe the best and highest interests of these people are secured in their present position among us; and that God has placed them here for their good and his glory. But we also believe that the position they occupy in our midst, of their dependance upon us, and of our being made their guardians and protectors, impose upon us a fearful responsibility; that God will require at our hands the proper discharge of these obligations; and should we fail to meet them—should we fail to do all we can to give them the knowledge of the blessed Gospel—we shall be held guilty in his sight, declared unworthy of the trusts committed to us, and our enemies, perhaps, be allowed for a time to triumph over us.

For these reasons, without recommending any particular mode of action, your committee would urge upon you prompt, active, and prayful measures for discharging your duty in this matter.

L. C. TUTT, Ch'mn.

[F] REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:

There are 33 churches in the Association. Out of these 33, 4 have not been heard from. Of the remaining 29, 25 have no schools—leaving only *four* churches which have, this year, a school. In these 4 schools there are about 300 scholars and teachers. The fact is thus set forth that 33 churches, with a membership numbering nearly 5550, have only 250 children instructed in the Sabbath School. And of this 250 nearly two thirds belong to one single church.

Your Committee would therefore affectionately urge the churches to establish and keep alive good Sabbath Schools to aid in bringing up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

We would also recommend to the favor of the Schools, the Childs Index, published in Macon, Ga.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. T. SPALDING, *Chairman.*

[*G*] REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND DOCUMEMTS.

Your Committee find nothing of importance to report. Pisgah Church asks for the next meeting of the Association to be held with them. The Ocmulgee Church has liberated Bro. J. R. Shinn to preach the gospel.

Respectfully submitted.

J. B. POOL, *Chairman.*

[*H*] REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The Cahaba Association to her Sister Associations in correspondence with her, sendeth Christian Salutations—

Dear Brethren: We are happy to say that our present meeting has been a pleasant, harmonious and we trust a profitable one. While our hearts have been made to rejoice by the reports of gracious revivals in some of our churches, we lament the state of religious declension which generally prevails. Our heart's desire and prayer to God is that he would revive his work in the hearts of his people, not only within our bounds, but throughout the land. We feel that as a people we have the highest occasion is this the day of our tribulation, to draw near to God, to humble ourselves before him and to plead constantly and earnestly with him, that he would remove from us the dreadful scourge with which he has seen fit, we doubt not, for our good and his glory, to visit us.

We shall be happy to continue our correspondence with you, and you have our prayers that God may be with you and bless you in your labors of love.

A. B. GOODHUE, *Chairman.*

[*I*] REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance report as follows:

The Chairman of this Committee, Brother Morton, who was appointed twelve months ago to write a report on this subject, being absent, and failing to send up any report, and the other members of the Committee being appointed since the assembling of the present session of your body, have not had time sufficient, to collect any facts, or mature any thoughts on the subject of Temperance at all worthy or equal to the magnitude of its importance.

We are prepared to say, however, from the developements of some facts, which have showed themselves in connection with the history of this subject within the few last years; that eternal vigilance on the part of the friends of Temperance, or an application of the stern and rigid power of the law, is the price of any hopeful prospect of freedom from the evil and destrucive reign of intemperance.

It is well known to all who have given any attention, whatever, to this subject, that the friends and advocate of this cause, had for the last few years, greatly slackened their energies and efforts in the promotion of its interest in our midst. And the consequence has been that intemperance, as all observing ones are able to testify rapidly increased upon us, with all its frightful and painful evils, until some time after the commencement of the present war; and that it followed many of our soldiers and officers into the

army, and was there the source of much evil and disaster to our country; until the strong arm of the law, both military and civil said to it, thus far shalt thou go and no farther.

Since that time the swelling tide of intemperance, which through the inactivity and negligence of the opposers of this evil, had been permitted to rise and spread with fearful proportion over our land; has been wonderfully stayed and most successfully thrown back.

Your Committee, therefore, hope that this Association will concur with them, by the adoption of this report in recommending to the executive authorities, and the law makind powers of our country, to hold this evil in check and banish it from our land by a continued application of the strong arm of the law; seeing that we now have a practical demonstration of the salutary and wholesome influence of the exercise of such a power in throwing over the people the happy and peaceful reign of temperance and that all our churches have urged upon them the prime importance of doing their duty in putting down intemperance among themselves, or wherever it may exist. Respectfully submitted.

J. S. FORD,
ROBT. HEITH, } *Committee.*

[J] REPORT OF TREASURER.

1861. L. C. TUTT, *Treasurer, in account with Cahaba Association.*

To cash received of William B. Lawson, former Treasurer,		$7 75
" " " " Finance Committee Associational Fund,		29 10
" " " " Printing Minutes,		57 25
" " " " Bible and Colportage for Soldiers,		17 00
" " " " Indian Missions.		21 00
" " " " Contributions on Sabbath,		19 10
" " " " Widows Fund,		2 50
		$153 70

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By cash paid S. A. Creath, October, 1861,	$6 33	
" " " S. H. Fowlkes, Indian and For. Missions,	33 72	
" " " George C. Rogers, Printing Minutes,	50 00	
" " " W. S. Miree, services as Clerk,	25 00	
		$115 05
		$38 65
By cash collected on subscriptions for Indian Missions since last Association,		$5 00
Balance in hands of Treasurer,		$43 65

We have examined the Report of the Treasurer and found it correct.
W. B. LAWSON, *Chairman Auditing Committee.*

[K] REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.

Your Committee report that sister Sumner has meat and corn enough to do her, but no salt. Sister Tubb has meat but not corn enough by 50 bushels. She has no salt. Sister Sumner has given 5 sons to the service of the country in the army, two of whom have fallen. Sister Tubb has three sons in the army. Respectfully submitted.

C. J. CREWS, *Chairman.*

[L] REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee have received,

For Minutes,	$50 50
" Association Fund,	26 50
" Home Missions,	5 00
" Indian Missions,	10 00
" Widows Fund,	5 00
Collections on Sunday for Army and Indian Missions, cash,	686 40
Subscriptions " " " "	1262 00
Collections on Monday for Testaments for Soldiers,	100 00
" " " " " Widows Fund,	47 00
	$2182 40

J. W. SUTTLE, *Chairman.*

We have examined the above report and found it correct.

W. B. LAWSON, *Chairman Auditing Commiteee.*

[M] REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

From all the information which your Committee are able to gather we learn that in consequence of the war, communication with our missionaries in foreign lands is suspended. The last accounts received from them by the Board at Richmond are highly encouraging. The Lord is prospering the labors of their hands, and they have made arrangements with mercantile houses, in China and Africa, to borrow funds upon the faith of the Board to meet their expenses. We should not therefore relax our efforts or diminish our contributions to this field of christian enterprise. The Board must be furnished with the means to meet promptly the loans effected by our missionaries, upon the restoration of peace. The commission of our blessed Lord is still upon us, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Let us cultivate the spirit of our ascended Master and wait with prayerful results the openings of his Providence, to enter with renewed energy the distant fields that are "white to harvest."

Respectfully submitted.

WM. H. McINTOSH, *Chairman.*

CHURCHES AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST OFFICES.
Bethel,	Bibb,	Centreville.
Mt. Gilead,	"	"
Mt. Zion,	"	"
Hepsaba,	Perry,	Pinetucky.
Pisgah,	"	Perryville.
Pilgrim's Rest,	"	Ford's Mill.
Concord,	"	Radfordsville.
Friendship,	"	Oakmulgy.
Oakmulgy,	"	Summerfield.
Providence,	"	Hamburg.
Shilo,	"	Chesnut Hill.
Selma,	Dallas,	Selma.
Liberty,	"	Orrville.
Cahaba,	"	Cahaba.
Mt. Edon,	Perry,	Marion.
Pine Flat,	"	Perryville.
Fellowship, Brush Creek,	"	Brush Creek.
Hopewell,	"	Marion.
Siloam,	"	"
Union,	"	"
Mt. Pleasant,	"	"
Sardis,	"	Ironville.
Antioch,	"	Greensboro'.
Salem,	Greene,	"
African Baptist Church,	Mobile,	Mobile.
Mt. Pleasant,	Tuscaloosa,	Havanna.
Macedonia,	Greene,	"
Bethsaida,	"	Greensboro'.
Newhope,	Perry,	Five Mile.
Newbern,	Greene,	Newbern.
Medline,	Perry,	Chesnut Hill.
Uniontown,	"	Uniontown.
Mt. Hebron,	Greene,	Havana.

Statistics of Cahaba Baptist Association.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORAL SUPPLY.	Rec'd by Bap...	Rec'd by Letter	Dis'd by Letter	Excommun'ted..	Restored.....	Deceased.....	Total.....
Bethel	Bibb								48
Pisgah	Perry	J. S. Ford	21	1		2		5	255
Mt. Edon	Perry	C. J. Crews	13		2				83
Fellowship	Perry	C. J. Crews	14	3	2	1		3	145
Concord	Perry	J. S. Ford	2			1		5	181
Friendship	Perry								87
Pilgrim's Rest	Perry	H. P. Griffin							120
Hepsaba	Perry	J. W. McCullough				1		5	118
Ocmulgee	Perry		1	3	4	2		2	196
Liberty	Dallas								200
Cahaba	Dallas								69
Mt. Zion	Bibb	R. Keith		2	5	2		3	59
Bethsaida	Greene	J. B. Pool						3	46
Mt. Pleasant	Tuskaloosa	J. P. Thompson	1					1	103
Siloam	Perry	W. H. McIntosh	1	1	5	1		5	790
Sardis	Perry	Carter Tubb		3				2	85
Selma	Dallas	A. T. Spalding	5	3	3			1	329
African Boptist Church, Mobile	Mobile								388
Macedonia	Greene								32
Shiloh	Perry	J. W. McCullough			3			1	127
Uniontown	Perry	L. L. Fox	7		23	12	5	7	482
Providence	Perry	T. W. Tobey	1		1			1	223
Hopewell	Perry	S. R. Freeman	42		4			1	294
Pine Flat	Perry	H. P. Griffin			1			4	27
Antioch	Perry	J. P. Thompson		2					48
Union	Perry		1					1	50
Mt. Gilead	Bibb								43
Newhope	Perry	A. J. Russell						1	45
Mt. Pleasant	Perry	J. S. Ford			1			2	78
Newberne	Greene								206
Medline	Perry		2	2				5	74
Mt. Hebron	Greene								25
Salem	Greene								602
		Total	111	26	54	22	5	58	5667

NOTE.—There being no letters from Bethel, Friendship, Liberty, Cahaba, African Baptist, Macedonia, Mt. Gilead, Newbern, Mt. Hebron and Salem Churches, the total numbers of these Churches are put down the same as last year.